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SUBJECT: (U) BAVARIAN PH STRAUSS A HIT IN PAKISTAN:
FOCUS ON AFGHANISTAN

1. THE EIGHT-DAY VISIT OF BAVARIAN PRIME MINISTER FRANZ JOSEF STRAUSS ATTRACTED EXTENSIVE PRESS ATTENTION AND RED CARPET TREATMENT FROM THE GOP. STRAUSS MET WITH PRESIDENT ZIA-UL-HAQ AND FORMER AGHA SHAHI AND IN PUBLIC COMMENTS STRESSED THE NEED FOR WESTERN SUPPORT OF PAKISTAN AND ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE AFGHAN REFUGEES.

2. STRAUSS ARRIVED IN KARACHI APRIL 26 AND IMMEDIATELY TOLD NEWSMEN THAT PAKISTAN NEEDED INCREASED INTERNATIONAL AID TO COPE WITH THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND PSYCHOLOGICAL BURDENS OF ACCOMMODATING TWO MILLION AFGHAN REFUGEES. AT A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE FEDERATION OF PAKISTAN

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BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND THE FRG.

3. THE NEXT DAY IN QUETTA, CAPITAL OF BALUCHISTAN PROVINCE, STRAUSS FORECAST A BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF CONSORTIUM AID TO PAKISTAN, INCLUDING DOLLARS 188 MILLION FROM THE FRG. AS A "PERSONAL GIFT", HE BROUGHT ALONG A MODERN MEDICAL DEVICE FOR THE QUETTA HOSPITAL. HE REPORTEDLY ALSO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE REPORTED IMPROVEMENT IN PAK-U.S. RELATIONS.

4. ALSO IN QUETTA, STRAUSS SUGGESTED THAT THE AID TO PAKISTAN CONSORTIUM SHOULD CONSIDER FAVORABLY A MORATORIUM ON PAKISTAN'S PAYMENT OF DEBT SERVICE CHARGES, ADDING THAT COUNTRIES WITH EVEN LESS NEED THAN PAKISTAN HAD RECEIVED SUCH A CONCESSION.

5. AFTER AN OVERNIGHT STAY IN LAHORE, STRAUSS ARRIVED IN ISLAMABAD ON THE 29TH. NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS REPORT THAT HE HAD A TWO-HOUR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ZIA THAT EVENING, WITH PORNIN SHAHI AND MFA SECYER SHAHNAWAZ ALSO IN ATTENDANCE. EAST-WEST RELATIONS, BILATERAL TIES AND AFGHANISTAN WERE DISCUSSED BUT THERE WAS NO LOCAL COVERAGE OF THE HAMBURG DPA REPORT (4/30) THAT ZIA HAD TOLD STRAUSS PAKISTAN DESIRED TO PURCHASE GERMAN ARMS IF THE FRG WOULD CHANGE ITS ARMS SALES POLICY.

6. IN SEPARATE TALKS WITH SHAHI (ALSO ON THE 29TH) STRAUSS REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED FULL SUPPORT FOR PAKISTAN'S STAND ON THE AFGHANISTAN ISSUE. MIDDLE EAST AND EAST-WEST ISSUES WERE ALSO SAID TO HAVE BEEN ON THE AGENDA. STRAUSS ALSO CALLED ON DEFENSE MINISTER TALPUR AND LABOR MINISTER GHULAM DASTGIR KHAN. WITH THE LATTER HE DISCUSSED WEST
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GERMAN ASSISTANCE FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING, THE POSSIBILITY OF PAKISTAN PROCURING SURPLUS HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT IN THE FRG, AND THE EXPORT OF PAKISTANI MANPOWER TO WEST GERMANY.

7. HIGHLIGHTING THE AFGHAN ISSUE AS THE REASON FOR INCREASED WEST GERMAN INTEREST IN PAKISTAN'S SECURITY, STRAUSS LINKED CONTINUATION OF DETENTE TO SOVIET BEHAVIOR IN SOUTHWEST ASIA IN REMARKS TO NEWSMEN ON THE 29TH. EARLIER, IN LAHORE, HE HAD PROCLAIMED SOVIET

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EFFORTS TO PACIFY AFGHANISTAN A FAILURE AND ARGUED THAT ADVERSE WORLD OPINION ULTIMATELY MIGHT HELP TO CONVINCE THE SOVIETS OF THE NEED TO WITHDRAW THEIR TROOPS FROM THAT COUNTRY.

8. ON THE 30TH, STRAUSS VISITED THE PAKISTAN ORDNANCE FACTORIES AT WAH, NORTHWEST OF ISLAMABAD, WHERE HE RECALLED CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE FRS AND PAKISTAN IN THE AREA OF DEFENSE PRODUCTION. STRAUSS ALSO TOURS THE TANGELA DAM PROJECT.

9. STRAUSS CONCLUDED HIS VISIT WITH A TWO-DAY STOP IN PESHAWAR, CAPITAL OF THE NORTH-WEST FRONTIER PROVINCE (NWFP) WHERE THE BULK OF THE AFGHAN REFUGEES ARE ENCAMPED. AT A MAY 2 NEWS CONFERENCE, HE WARNED THAT THE WEST SHOULD NOT FORGET AFGHANISTAN AND EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR PAKISTAN'S EFFORTS TO SEEK A POLITICAL SOLUTION. HE RULED OUT USE OF FORCE BY EITHER THE U.S. OR EUROPE WHILE ENCOURAGING THE AFGHAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO CONTINUE THEIR STRUGGLE. STRAUSS REPORTEDLY ACQUIESCED IN THE U.S. DECISION TO LIFT THE GRAIN EMBARGO AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION, SUGGESTING THAT IT HAD SERVED NO PURPOSE SINCE OTHER COUNTRIES HAD

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CONTINUED TO SELL WHEAT TO MOSCOW.

10. STRAUSS ALSO VISITED AN AFGHAN REFUGEE CAMP AT NASIRBAGH, JUST OUTSIDE PESHAWAR, WHERE HE OFFERED PRAISE FOR THE AFGHAN RESISTANCE AND FOR PAKISTAN'S EFFORTS TO AID THE REFUGEES. HE ALSO PRESENTED A PERSONAL CHECK FOR TEN THOUSAND MARKS TO NWFP GOVERNOR FAZLE HAQ FOR THE REFUGEES.

11. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT STRAUSS' VISIT AND HIS PUBLIC REMARKS WERE WELL-RECEIVED BY HIS PAKISTANI HOSTS. WE LEAVE IT TO OUR COLLEAGUES IN BONN TO SPECULATE ON STRAUSS' VIEW OF HIS TRIP IN THE CONTEXT OF FRG DOMESTIC POLITICS.
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